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SUBJECT: A BARREL OF BEER FOR THE SECRETARY

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1. BARREL OF BEER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER, DETAILS OF WHICH DESCRIBED IN REF TELS, WAS PASSED OVER TO PAN AMERICAN AT AN AIRPORT CEREMONY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 12. BARREL WILL ARRIVE DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PANAM FLIGHT 107, DECEMBER 14, 2:30 PM. MERLE W. RICHMAN, PR DIRECTOR PANAM WASHINGTON, WILL BE AT AIRPORT TO RECEIVE BARREL.

2. CEREMONY AT AIRPORT BRIEF BUT WELL ATTENDED BY LOCAL REPORTERS WHO WILL BE WRITING APPROPRIATE STORIES ALONG LINES INFORMATION CONTAINED REF TELS. CONSUL GENERAL HENNEMEYER, WHO RECEIVED BARREL ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY, MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"WE ALL KNOW THAT MR. KISSINGER IS A VERY BUSY MAN WHO - EVER SINCE HE BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE - HAS HAD TO SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF HIS TIME TRAVELING. SUCH A SCHEDULE, OR COURSE, MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE EVERYWHERE HE MIGHT WISH TO BE. ONLY THIS WEEK HIS PRESENCE AT THE BRUSSELS NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE IN OSLO TO ACCEPT THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. RATHER, THIS WAS DONE ON HIS BEHALF BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. NOW, NOBEL PEACE PRIZES AND BARRELS OF BEER - WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE QUALITY OF HERR WIRICHS' PRODUCT - ARE NOT USUALLY THOUGHT TO BE OF THE SAME ORDER OF MAGNITUDE. NEVERTHELESS, ALTHOUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. KISSINGER IS UNABLE TO PERSONALLY ACCEPT THIS GIFT, I AM

DELIGHTED TO DO SO FOR HIM AND TO EXPRESS ON HIS BEHALF MY APPRECIATION FOR HERR WIRICH'S THOUGHTFULNESS AS WELL AS THE COURTESY OF PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS WHO HAVE AGREED TO TRANSPORT IT TO WASHINGTON. MAY THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE PERMIT A PAUSE DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON TO ENJOY A GLASS OF RHENANIA BEER AND A MOMENT OF RELAXATION FROM THE DEMANDS OF HIS OFFICE."

3. SENDER OF GIFT, JOCHEN P. WIRICH, HAS GIVEN US A LETTER FOR THE SECRETARY WHICH WE ARE SENDING DIRECT TO DEPARTMENT REGISTERED INTERNATIONAL MAIL. WOULD SUGGEST DEPARTMENT HOLD UP ANY CONTEMPLATED WASHINGTON CEREMONY OR PUBLICITY UNTIL THIS LETTER ARRIVES WASHINGTON.

4. WILL FORWARD PHOTOS AND PRESS CLIPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
HENNEMEYER

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